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# OHEIA NEWSLETTER

*The mission of the Oregon Hunter Education Instructors Association (OHEIA) is to continually strive to improve the teaching of safe, ethical and responsible hunting through the Hunter Education program.*

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## President's Message

By Hedge Jarvis, President

Hello Hunter Ed Instructors:

I am happy to report the on-line registration program is finally here. As many of you know, on-line registration has been in the discussion and planning stages for several years. It officially became reality in January 2012 because of the dedication of Chris Willard and James Reed. Hats off to the hard work of these two individuals.

Area Coordinators and their assistants attending the Area Coordinators Conference in Bend in January engaged in a hands-on training session in the intricacies of the on-line registration program and the related paperwork. Since most areas of the state were well represented, there should be someone in your area to help you understand and use the program should you have any problems.

If you are like me, you are beginning to field questions about future classes within your area. I have been successful in referring persons to the on-line registration either on their home computer or at a licensing agent. So far I've not experienced any negative feedback. Although I don't expect the new on-line registration to be perfect at this stage, it will reduce the work associated with registration and collection of fees for most of us. I would encourage everyone to be patient and help the department to work through unexpected problems as they arise by forwarding your concerns to either James or

Myrna in Salem. It will benefit all of us to learn the system so we can more effectively use it and answer the questions of the students and their parents.

I want to briefly share with you some of the information shared at the Area Coordinator conference. Among the topics was the deer study being conducted in eastern Oregon. I would strongly encourage each of you to go to [www.OHEIA.org](http://www.OHEIA.org) and check out the mule deer study that was presented by Mary Jo Hedrick. This study has an abundance of information that was well presented and can be printed for use in your classrooms.

The more I studied it, the more I became convinced the complete study should be available to our Hunter Ed instructors rather than me trying to summarize it in this newsletter. For instance, I found the "pie-chart" depicting causes of deer mortality interesting when considering "legal harvest vs illegal harvest." Although I have believed for a long time that illegal harvest exceeded legal harvest, this is the first time that I have seen it documented.

Please take a few minutes to visit our [www.OHEIA.org](http://www.OHEIA.org) website and read more about the mule deer in the study area.

Another very interesting presentation was made by Russ Morgan, ODFW wolf coordinator, on the wolves in Oregon. It seems we can't pick up a paper these days without a reference to wolves.

Russ told us there are now 4 packs of wolves, all in northeast Oregon. The Imnaha pack is the

only one that has been killing livestock. ODFW was successful in obtaining a "kill order" to remove a couple of wolves from the pack, but the order is now on hold pending an appeal through the Appeals Court. Wolves throughout Oregon are protected by the state endangered act. Wolves west of highways #395-78-95 are also protected by Federal Law. The wolf that has recently received the most publicity is OR-7 (now named Journey), which as a former member of the Imnaha pack has been tracked from northeast Oregon into northern California. He has traveled east to near the Nevada desert before back northwest again. I read recently OR-9 has been killed in Idaho. Again, a plethora of information is available to you at [www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/index.asp](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves/index.asp).

As we begin the 2012 year, it is **election time** again. There is information regarding this activity on the [www.OHEIA.org](http://www.OHEIA.org) website. The offices open for nominations are President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations will close on March 15. If you are interested in serving on the OHEIA board of directors, please contact the people on the Nominating Committee. **Communications will be by email. Be sure your email address is current.**

It takes many volunteer hours and committed members to do the Association's activities. I encourage each of you to think about holding an officer's position. It is with new people that new and good ideas come forth. Please consider being part of that cadre.

Feel free to contact me.

*Hedge Jarvis, President*

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**Central Oregon Update (Tri-County: Jefferson, Crook , Deschutes)**

By Brian Ferry

In the tri-county (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson) area instructors have been busy (like our counterparts throughout the state) gearing up for the teaching season, planning courses, and learning the details of ODFW's new online registration.

Crook Co. was out of the gates early, and has already had their first course of the year. February courses in Redmond, Sisters, and Madras will have started by the time this newsletter is out and being read, with many more courses planned for the remainder of the year. In addition to a full slate of regular courses, Deschutes Co. is planning to offer several independent field day events, with 3 planned in Redmond (April, May, July) and on ODFW's website.

In addition to ODFW's Hunter Ed program, our instructors (like many in the state) are involved in a variety of other associated programs and community events. Local instructors in Bend, Redmond, and Madras are very involved with the shooting ranges located near their communities. That includes the Central Oregon Shooting Sports Assoc. (Bend), Redmond Rod and Gun Club (Redmond) and Mt. Jefferson Rifle, Archery, and Pistol Assoc. (Madras).

Instructors are involved as members, officers, and directors with these ranges, as well as participate in shooting activities, youth programs, and maintenance activities. If you haven't already, I would encourage all instructors to help and participate with ranges

in their local area.

In March of this year the Deschutes Fairground will have their annual Central Oregon Sportsman Show. This year's dates are March 8,9,10,11. Local Hunter Ed instructors volunteer and help staff the ODFW booth, providing Hunter Ed and mentoring information. It is a great opportunity to promote the Hunter Ed program, youth and family hunting participation, help ODFW, and help ourselves by recruiting new instructors. Please consider helping ODFW and the HE program if you have an opportunity to participate with one of the many Outdoor Shows in Oregon.

Be sure to read the article included on some on our youth shooters from Prineville.

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**Northeast Region – Alive and Well**

By Greg Barron

Many of us around Eastern Oregon are wondering what happened to the snow -- is this all there is? Weather or no -- all I know is hunter education instructors around NE Oregon are either teaching a hunter education class, or are gearing up for one. Currently, classes are being taught or scheduled in Baker, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla and Union Counties, with some classes already underway. I think it must be all the mild weather making instructors itchy to get out there and teach classes.

There is some focus on specialty classes scheduled that include Independent Study Field Days in Umatilla County at Milton-Freewater on 4/29/12 and 9/9/12.

Our thanks to Andy Millar's teaching group who do an excellent job with these field day events.

A Bowhunter Education class is offered in Umatilla County by Emmett Walker and his teaching group at Hermiston on 3/3/12. Of course, a Master Hunter class offered in Hermiston by -- you

guessed it -- Emmett Walker and his teaching team on 5/12/12.

**MASTER  
HUNTER  
CLASS  
5/12/12**

This year instead of a Statewide Hunter Education Instructors Conference we will be doing the smaller regional conferences. At the Area Coordinators meeting held in Bend 1/28-30/12, we proposed the Northeast Regional Conference could be held in one of three places: John Day, Baker City or at Wildhorse in Pendleton.

Once the final plans are in place, you will be notified of the details. If there is something special you'd like on the agenda for this conference, please let me know. ODFW is always open to our suggestions for topics.

The Eastern Oregon Sports-

man Show will be held 3/9-11/2012 at the Convention Center in the Roundup City of Pendleton. The Pendleton City Club hosts this well-attended event every year.

The City Club once again has asked our area hunter education group to man the laser-shot booth. You are all invited to come over and check out the show and our little corner of Oregon.

**I'VE LEARNED**

*I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.*

*I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.*

*I've learned.... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.*

*I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.*

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**WEBSITE NEWS****Changes from the Website.****On the website you will find:**

- **2012 Election Information**
- **Nominating Committee**
- **Current Board Members**
- **Links to other sites**

**The Instructor Page:**

- **Grants Application**
- **Grants Program Information**

• **TIP Poster**• **Bookkeeping Aids****Hunter Ed Program Topics:**

- **Mule Deer Study**
- **Changes in ATV Regs**

**!!! ALERT !!!**

**Plans are underway to send information to members by email. If you did NOT receive this by email, please notify us at :**

[OHEIASecretary@aol.com](mailto:OHEIASecretary@aol.com)

**of any email address changes. If you want your contact by USPS, please confirm your preference to the OHEIA Secretary.**

**Check out our website:**

[www.OHEIA.org](http://www.OHEIA.org)

## Lane County Claims Bragging Rights...

By Jeanne Littleton

### HUNTER "SHOOTS AGE" WITH TROPHY ANTELOPE .... Was the lead-in byline of Mike Stahlberg, Eugene Register Guard Hunting Feature Writer.

Yes, indeed! Shooting one's age is considered an accomplishment in golf, but shooting a buck that scores the same as your age isn't note-worthy in pronghorn hunting — unless the hunter happens to be getting well along in years, wrote Stahlberg.

Such is the case for John Thorpe of Eugene, who was 87 years young in late August when he took a trophy antelope in the Whitehorse Unit. Final measurements of the horns using the



**John Thorpe, HE Instructor** measuring procedure standardized by the Boone & Crockett Club for its big game book remained 87 after the customary 6-month drying period required before an official measurement can be made.

John says 87 is not too old for a person to be out hunting. "I waited 15 years to draw that tag," adding "there was no way I was going to miss the opportunity to go antelope hunting again once I got it."

He commented, "A lot of people would give up doing certain things that they like to do because of their age. If there's any message that I could give to people, you know, it's 'Do as much as you can and don't worry about it.' Besides, 87 isn't old — 107 is old!"

John took his grandson hunting with him. He practiced what he teaches in Hunter Ed

class. Be prepared. Don't hunt alone. Be safe. He grinned and remarked, "I let the grandson carry everything except the firearm."

At the Eugene Sportsmen's show last week when the Hunter Ed instructors working the Saturday night shift in the ODFW booth were leaving, we passed a booth with mounts on display. There was a nice antelope near the front, turning to John I asked, "your mount bigger than that, John?" "Damn Right!" came right back at me laughed Littleton, John's Hunter Ed teaching partner.

**Congratulations, John!!**

**Nice Trophy!!**

## Meet A Stand-Out NRA-YHEC Team from Prineville

By Brian Ferry



Carl and Sharon Shaver are not only HE instructors in Prineville, but are also very active in the NRA YHEC program and sponsor a Central Oregon team.

Prineville has a very strong and active YHEC program under the leadership of the Shaver Family. The Redmond Rod & Gun Club have sponsored the group and provide the meeting and range facilities the group uses. Carl Shaver reports in 2011 they worked with up to 34 youth with 6 completing at the State Event and 3 who qualified for the national team repre-

### NRA-YHEC 2011 Oregon Team Mbrs

senting Oregon.

Shaver reports only 10 kids from the entire State of Oregon get to go on to national competition.

The three coveted spots for national competition were earned by Cheryl Shaver, Kayla Pieren and TJ Kichenmaster from Prineville. Kayla was on the Oregon Jr team with Cheryl and TJ on the Sr team for Oregon. The Oregon's Jr team member Kayla, placed 1st at the national competition with the Sr team placing 3rd in their respective Division with over



### Cheryl Shaver receiving 1st Sr at YHEC State

honor in 2011. It was the second time the honor has been awarded to Oregon, Shaver proudly says.

2012 State competition for YHEC will be held at the Redmond Rod & Gun Club on June 2-3, 2012.

Carl and Sharon's son and daughter have participated in the YHEC program and now help their parents continue the legacy.

A worthy accomplishment, Shaver family!! Our Congratulations to the Team for a job well done!



### Cheryl's Turkey Trophy

400 competitors at that level.

The most coveted award is the Sportsmanship Award with the Oregon Sr team being awarded this

## INSTRUCTOR TIDBITS

### PRICE LIST FOR OHEIA ITEMS:

- **Student Orange Caps \$2.50**
- **Fox Whistles \$3.25**
- **OHEIA Patch \$3.00**
- **OHEIA Decal \$3.00**
- **OHEIA Lapel Pin \$3.00**
- **One yr Membership \$10.00**
- **Two yr Membership \$20.00**
- **Life Membership \$100.00**

**Freight charges apply to orders shipped by UPS.**

**Orders require street address for UPS shipment. Mail order to:**

**Rich Morgan, 341 Mint Avenue,  
Eugene, OR 97404.**

### EMERGENCY LIGHTS SOLVED:

Due to a thunderstorm, we lost power for about 5 hours. We were scrambling around in the darkness, looking for matches, candles, flashlights, etc. We looked outside, and noticed our solar lights shining brightly all around our patio, stairs, dock, etc. They were beautiful. My husband walked outside, and brought several of the solar lights inside.

We stuck the solar light pipes into plastic drink bottles containers and they made the nicest, brightest, safest, lighting you could ever imagine.

We put one in the bathroom, the kitchen, the living room, etc. There was plenty of light. There are all types of solar lights available. We bought ours at Harbor Freight. We put them all around our yard. They look nice and they do not attract flying bugs like the

outdoor lights around our doorway.

The lights we have fit into the small (20 oz) water bottles and they also fit into most of the larger liter bottles. If you need a weight in the plastic bottle to keep them from tipping over, you can put a few of the pretty colorful "flat marbles" that they put in aquariums, and vases. (you can also use sand, aquarium gravel, etc., whatever you have available).

The lights we have were perfect inside our home. They burn all night long if you need them. The next day, you just take your solar lights back outside and they will instantly recharge and be ready for you to use again any time you need them.

Perfect for power outages, hurricanes, etc. — And, I'm thinking camping as well! Your survival kit?

Who would have thought it was such a simple fix!

## Mandatory Reporting on Hunts ...

### Mandatory Reporting. Penalty for not reporting will begin in 2013

**SALEM, Ore.**—Hunters need to report the results of most big game and turkey hunts by Jan. 31, 2012. Hunters should complete a report for each and every deer, elk, bear, cougar, pronghorn and turkey tag purchased, even if they didn't fill their tag or go hunting. The participation and harvest rate information is critical for setting tags and seasons.

Report [online](#) or by phone at 1-866-947-6339. At this time, only about **37% of 2011 tags have been reported**. The Jan. 31, 2012 reporting deadline is for hunts that ended between April 1 and Dec. 31, 2011. April 15, 2012 is the deadline for reporting hunts ending between Jan. 1 and March 31, 2012. Hunters that meet the appropriate Jan. 31 or April 15 deadlines will be entered into a contest to win one of three special big game tags. Winners choose the tag (deer, elk or pronghorn) and may take an either-sex animal during an extended season and in an expanded hunt area that allows them to hunt nearly statewide. Reporting hunt results has been mandatory since 2008 and is meant

to eventually replace phone harvest survey calls that determined hunter



**Josh Schmalenberger, 2010 incentive tag winner. 4-pt Buck taken in Paulina Unit.**

participation and harvest rates. Oregon was one of the last Western states to adopt mandatory hunt reporting. Reporting rates were low in other states until penalty fees were introduced. Since 2008, reporting rates have been too low and ODFW has continued to call a percentage of hunters by phone to get the needed data. To bring hunter reporting rates up, ODFW will begin charging a penalty fee to hunters that don't report on time.

The fee will be set by the Fish and Wildlife Commission in October 2012, during the 2013 big game regulation setting process. ODFW's proposal to the Commission is to charge a fee of up to \$25 to hunters that fail to report on deer and elk tags, as these tags have some of the lowest reporting rates. The fee will take effect for unreported 2013 tags, with hunters facing the penalty when they purchase their 2014 hunting license. (Year 2014 licenses go on sale Dec. 1, 2013.)

"We were hoping a penalty fee would not be necessary but despite all our efforts to get the word out, reporting rates are still too low to phase out phone surveys," said Tom Thornton, ODFW game program manager. "It only takes a few minutes to report and the information is critical to setting big game seasons." "We do thank all the hunters that have reported on time," Thornton added.

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(503) 947-6022. Photo link:  
<http://dfw.state.or.us/news/imag es/2012/2010incentivetagschmale nberger.JPG>

## Southwest Region

**SW Region Director, Diana Baumann reports there isn't a lot of activity yet in the Southwest region. HE classes are in the process of being scheduled.**

**Diana reports the 2012 Sportsmen's Show is featuring the ODFW Shooting Gallery again this year at the Jackson County Expo on Penning Road.**

**As in the past, the booth will be manned by Hunter Ed Instructors to instruct youth shooters (some older ones, too) in shooting in the laser shot system.**

**The show runs Friday, 2/24/2012  
12 Noon to 9 PM  
and  
Saturday, 2/25/2012  
10 AM—8 PM  
and  
Sunday, 2/26/2012  
10 AM — 5 PM**

**Volunteers are needed.  
Call 541-772-4970 (Diana)  
or 541-621-8215 (Tom)  
to schedule a shift.**

## Multnomah County Checks In ...

By Larry Ranstead

Larry has nothing by accolades for the Multnomah HE team.

Tim McCarthy is our paramedic. He is leaving us for two years to volunteer in Haiti and the Dominican Republic to assist with the ongoing recovery from the earthquake.

Kurt Steinke moved to Washington State a couple years ago and drives 1 1/2 hours one way to classes here. Above and beyond, he offers guided hunts to students and their parents every season and works up his spreadsheets to show people the best choices for getting the controlled hunts with the best chance of success.

Dan Wells and James Hunt have gone out of their way to locate and court a place where we may be able to offer limited IS field days on a regular basis. (We haven't had such a place since 1999.)

Larry Williams has stepped up and provided a location for the class that we lost when Reynolds School District charged us out of

the market.

Jack Wilson is and has been a instructor for longer than I know. His instructor ID# is only four digits beginning with 7.

Rick Matthews was my training instructor when I started several years ago. He also volunteers as a teaching assistant at his local grade school. I tease him about having to go back to take second grade over.

Bill Polly is my assistant. He has been my soundboard and always is willing to take on the special projects. I count on him to bring a different opinion to the table.

Tom Manuell has stepped up to help fill in for me when life has gotten in the way.

Tod Siler works a job that sends him all over Oregon and Washington. He feels bad when he is 10 minutes late for a class that he has had to drive from Seattle to reach. Jim Lygo is a lawyer and, as busy as he is, he has offered his expertise on many occasions.

Cliff McLaughlin has never missed a class, and volunteers

with the Department in their fish, bear, and cat counting programs as well as others.

Dave Wilson drives for his living, and yet, is always there. He recently went to work for the people who put the student packets together. He delivers them from Portland to Salem.

Dick Benefiel can be counted on even though he has some very difficult family health issues he must deal with.

Dick Jackson and David Himes are just as dedicated as the rest and I'm sure any instructor I have left out will forgive me for their omission.

These are the people who make up Multnomah County Hunter Education. They are the program. Without them and people like them all across the State, there is no program. I am proud to represent them and wouldn't trade any one of them for the world. Instructors come and go for any number of reasons, but once in a while a

diamond pops up. These are the Departments Diamonds.

What gets them here and keeps them here?

Two things: the kids, and the tradition. We all need to remember that.

### POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.  
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Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.  
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Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.  
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We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

## Miscellaneous:

### TRAVEL WARNING:

Washington issued a travel warning due to the freezing rain and cold weather. They suggest that anyone traveling in the current icy conditions should make sure they have the following:

- Shovel
- Blankets or sleeping bag
- Extra clothing inc hat/gloves
- 24 hrs worth of food/water
- De-icer. Rock Salt
- Flashlight w/spare batteries
- Road flares or reflective triangles
- Empty gas can
- First Aid Kit
- Booster Cables

**I looked like an idiot on the bus this morning!!**

**Oh well!**

I thought it was a pretty good survival kit list for the car – how about you?  
I'd add a couple things.

### HUNTER ORANGE PHOTOS FOR CLASS USE

#### BE SAFE – BE SEEN

Greg Barron, NE Director, sent along three photos used by the Irrigon HE class. If you would like copies of these photos, let one of us know and we'll see you get copies.

Photos taken at Umatilla Wildlife Refuge.



Can you see the person standing 125 feet away?



Added orange hat, then an orange vest.

**Be Safe—Be Seen.**



### James Reed conducting Online training session

Wow! It took me a few minutes, but then I got the hang of it ... You can teach an old dog new tricks!!

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IMPR355IV3 7HING5!  
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**ELECTIONS**  
**Nominations Close 3/15/2012**

*We have a 2012 goal to change communicating with instructors to email. Be sure your email address is current. USPS mail still available to all members. Please, **notify us of your preference**, or your Email address change to **OHEIASecretary@aol.com***

**Treasurer's News**

By Rich Morgan

Currently we have 112 (2011) members, (38) 2012 members, 4 (2013) members, 1 (2014) member and 71 LIFE MEMBERS.

This looks to be the greatest paid up membership on record. This by no means is a suggestion we would not like to see more non members come on board. We need your input, creativeness, and willingness to help the OHEIA support and improve hunter education in Oregon.

Visit the Website for the OHEIA Order Form for classroom or instructor materials that we have available.

Don't forget there is **grant money** available. Request a grant form from Jeanne Littleton, P.O. Box 434, Creswell, OR 97426 or E-mail to [OHEIASecretary@aol.com](mailto:OHEIASecretary@aol.com). Fill out the form with all pertinent information and return to her for board review.

**Membership Renewal—2012-2013**

**OREGON HUNTER EDUCATION INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2012 - 2013**

If this is a renewal, you may **CHECK AMOUNT** and enter your **NAME. E-MAIL ADDRESS**, and **YEAR PAID** only.

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **INSTRUCTOR #** \_\_\_\_\_  
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*CITY* \_\_\_\_\_ *STATE* \_\_\_\_\_ *ZIP* \_\_\_\_\_  
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I am enclosing my \_\_\_ \$10.00 annual, \_\_\_ \$20.00 for two years, or \_\_\_ \$100.00 Life membership dues in order to help strengthen hunter education and to assist my fellow instructors. Please, mail dues to Rich Morgan, address above.

**SIGNED** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Your email address is important. Please write clearly.